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Mayor, City Manager to Discuss State of Rockville

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito will talk about the state of the City of Rockville, Thursday, Sept. 20, in an event hosted by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.



The conversation will take place 8-10 a.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

For more information, call the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at 301-424-9300, email Amy Laczek at amy@rockvillechamber.org, or visit www.rockvillechamber.org. The event is free and open to the public.

Rockville
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Chamber of Commerce hosts conversation about state of the city.
WHEN: 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.
WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.
COST: Free and open to the community.
REGISTER: bit.ly/stateofRKV2018

New Planning Department Director Comes Aboard

Ricky Barker Takes the Lead of Community Planning and Development Services

Ricky Barker, a planning professional with more than three decades of experience, has taken the helm as director of the City of Rockville's Community Planning and Development Services Department.

"I'm confident Ricky will continue Rockville's commitment to vibrant, family-friendly neighborhoods, balanced growth and a sustainable future," City Manager Rob DiSpirito said. "He brings a wealth of vision and experience to the position. I'm excited to introduce him to his talented, professional team, and to the Rockville community."

Barker said he was honored to have been chosen to work for a dynamic and well-planned city such as Rockville.

"I'm excited to be serving and engaging the community with a talented city staff who can implement the vision and goals of the Mayor and Council," he said. "Rockville is one of the best places to live in the country and the best place to live in Maryland, and I hope to contribute to the city's continuing success."

The director of CPDS leads a department of more than 40 people and manages a budget of roughly \$6 million. Barker, who began June 25, is responsible for overall administration and implementation of the department's mission, which includes long-range community planning,



development review, zoning administration and enforcement, historic preservation, re-

development coordination, housing programs and building construction codes.

Barker most recently served as the director of planning and zoning for Loudoun County, Virginia, and has held planning positions in Cary, North Carolina, where he served for 20 years; Henrico and Stafford counties in Virginia; and the state of Tennessee. He has a Master of Science in Planning degree from the University of Tennessee.

The city conducted an extensive, nationwide search for candidates to fill the planning director's post. CPDS staff were surveyed on qualities they would like to see in the new director and members of the community were included on the interview panel.

Longtime Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak served as acting director in the interim following the departure of Acting Director Andy Gunning in February. "I'd like to thank Jim and Andy for their leadership during this time of transition for CPDS," DiSpirito said.

Learn more about CPDS and the department's mission at www.rockvillemd.gov/cpds. ✦

Most City Facilities to Close for Labor Day

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For individual swim and fitness center facilities hours, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Recycling, yard waste and trash collection will be suspended on Sept. 3 and made one day later than usual throughout the week, with Thursday collection on Friday, Sept. 7. For more information on holiday collection schedules, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✦

Bring the Family to Meet Rockville Police Officers

The Rockville City Police Department is rolling out the welcome mat this fall and offering the community two opportunities to get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville.

New police Chief Victor Brito will welcome the community to an open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, featuring vehicle and equipment displays, a K-9 demonstration, a moon bounce, face painting, a DJ, pumpkin decorating, food, information booths, a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to meet city police officers. Officers will offer guided tours of the RCPD's home in the old post office building at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Free parking will be available in the parking garage at 77 S. Washington St., adjacent to the police station, and just two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Officers will also join community members for National Coffee with a Cop Day from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Krispy Kreme in the Falls Grove Village Center, 14919 Shady Grove Road. Officers will be on hand for informal one-on-one chats with community members – no formal speeches, no agendas and

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

WHAT:
RCPD Open House

WHEN:
Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE:
2 W. Montgomery Ave.

no distractions. Learn more about Coffee with a Cop at coffeewithacop.com.

For a look at last year's RCPD open house, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "RCPD Open House Recap." For photos and video of past Coffee with a Cop events. Search "coffee."

The RCPD is committed to community policing. In July, the RCPD successfully completed an interim, web-based assessment of its accreditation, under a new four-part process by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. An independent reviewer examined 25 percent of the department's accreditation standards and found full compliance with no issues or concerns. The RCPD received a full, four-year accreditation from CALEA in 2016.

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ✦



TWO WAYS TO GET TO KNOW THE CITY'S POLICE FORCE ... The Rockville City Police Department, in coming weeks, offers a police station open house on Sept. 29 and National Coffee with a Cop Day on Oct. 3.

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Before- and After-school Hangouts for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Rockville's community centers offer safe, fun and supervised programs in your neighborhood where kids can play, learn, have time for homework, and stay busy before and after school.

Whether it's for students in kindergarten through fifth grade or for tweens and teens, Rockville has a program for your school-aged kid. To learn more about these programs, including times, prices and other important information, register with the course numbers below at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. Most sessions begin Sept. 4.

Early Birds (course #5443) and **Afterschool Adventure** (course #5453) at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, offer children a safe, fun environment with a computer lab, crafts, organized games and other enrichment activities.

Check out the **Clubhouse afterschool program** (course #5435) at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave., where kids spend time learning, creating and exploring, with homework time, snacks and crafts scheduled daily.

Totally Teens (course #5368; for grades 4-8), at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, and **Twinbrook Teen Scene** (course #5799; for grades 5-8), at Twinbrook, provide safe, healthy environments that promote positive youth development.

At Lincoln Park, **Teen Chat Room** (course #7077), for students in grades 6-10, is a two-day-a-week after-school program and a fun, cool place for teens to hang out and use the computer lab and game room. Snacks, homework help, mentoring, games and activities are provided. The program is provided on Tuesday and Thursday, and begins Sept. 18.

Learn to be a Teen Volunteer with the City of Rockville

Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave., will host a two-night training for teens age 13-16 to teach them how to be a successful volunteer with City of Rockville recreation programs.

"VolunTeen — City of Rockville's Teen Leadership Experience," will focus on leadership and communication, with active workshops and skill-building activities designed to prepare teens to volunteer and/or work in a recreational setting.

The program will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 and Thursday, Sept. 13. Register with course #7103 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. The course costs \$85 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. Food is provided both nights of the program.



New Era for Rockville with the Opening of Bayard Rustin Elementary

Tuesday, Sept. 4 is the first day of the 2018-19 school year for Montgomery County Public Schools, and the beginning of a new era for public schools in Rockville.

Bayard Rustin Elementary School will open on the for-

mer site of Hungerford Park Elementary, at 332 W. Edmonston Drive. Montgomery County's 206th public school will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It is part of the Richard Montgomery cluster of schools.

Bayard Rustin was a civil rights leader, gay rights activist and an organizer of the 1963 civil rights march on Washington, D.C. The county school board voted in April to name the school for Rustin.

Rockville 11 has a video

tour of the new school and more facts about the school's namesake. Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "Bayard Rustin."

Learn more about the school at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rustines. ❖

Walk This Way: City Projects Improve Pedestrian Safety Across Rockville

Whether you are walking to work or school, or just out for a stroll, several improvements are making it safer for pedestrians across the city this fall.

Students returning to Richard Montgomery High School will find a new crosswalk and a pedestrian refuge in a new median at the westernmost driveway for the school. The goal is to improve safety for students by reducing their crossing distance and making them more visible to drivers.

The city recently completed a project to improve pedestrian safety and access to the Rockville Metro station along South Stonestreet Avenue, between Baltimore and Park roads. The project narrowed South Stonestreet Avenue from four to three lanes, creating room for a sidewalk adjacent the Metro station parking lot and adding a bike lane.

Commuters will also notice the completion

of safety improvements near the Twinbrook Metro station, including bike lanes and bump-outs on Chapman Avenue. The bump-outs are intended to slow traffic, increase visibility for drivers and shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians. Other improvements include a new crosswalk at Twinbrook Parkway and Chapman Avenue, with coordinated signal improvements and accessible pedestrian signals; signal replacement with accessible pedestrian signals at Rollins Avenue and East Jefferson Street; a small sidewalk link on Halpine Road at Lewis Avenue; and curb bump-outs at Lewis and Rockland avenues.

Improvements completed in August at the Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street intersection include a median to break up the crossing distance and create a refuge for pedestrians crossing Maryland Avenue,



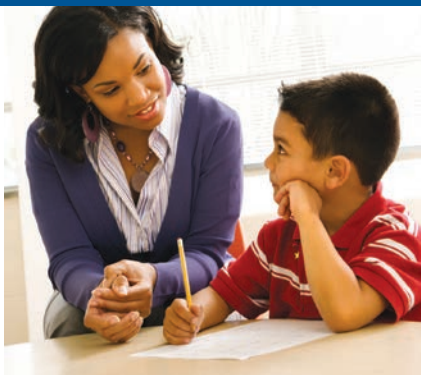
Improvements at Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street.

and a realigned crosswalk that shortens the crossing distance. To learn more, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Rockville."

A proposed project in the 1300 block of Piccard Drive would add curb bump-outs and a safer midblock crossing, primarily for employees of nearby businesses. It should be completed by early September.

Meanwhile, Rockville is moving forward with a study of the feasibility of a 1.2-mile path for pedestrians and bicycles along Scott and Veirs drives that would improve access between Robert Frost Middle School, Thomas S. Wootton High School, The Village at Rockville senior community and the surrounding neighborhoods. Learn more at rockvillereports.com/path-for-scott-and-veirs-drives-moves-forward-with-study-funding. ❖

Thank a mentor. Pay it forward. Mentor a child. Change a life.



Learn more about how you can help a young person. Contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov.

www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring

City Offers Counseling, Art Therapy for Children and Teens

Free short-term counseling and art therapy services are available for children and teenagers who live in the City of Rockville, or attend school within the city limits.

The City of Rockville Community Services

Division, a certified regional youth services provider, provides counseling to children and teenagers who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health problems related to their personal, social or family well-being.

Children and teenagers

who are uninsured, underinsured or unable to access mental health services for other reasons may be eligible for these services. Referrals are usually made by family members, school staff or county agencies. Weekly counseling and art

therapy sessions are held in the Community Services Division office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. and may also be available in the community.

To determine eligibility, or for additional information, please call the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310. ❖



SCHOOLS ARE OPEN! DRIVE SAFELY ... County public schools open Tuesday, Sept. 4. The Rockville City Police Department offers these safety tips for drivers, parents and students: • Observe school zone speeds and crossing guards. • Stop when school buses are using their flashing lights and extended stop sign. • Watch for children darting into traffic and for pedestrians, especially near schools. • Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop with your child, minimizing street crossings and avoiding isolated areas. • For more, find the National Safety Council's Back to School Safety Checklist at <https://bit.ly/2K1Ph8T>.

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Meetings: Monday, Sept. 17 and Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Virginia D. Onley on Sept. 17.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to

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City of Rockville Announces Legal Action Against Opioid Drug Manufacturers and Distributors

Rockville's Mayor and Council has formally joined other state and local jurisdictions to take legal action against drug manufacturers and distributors for their role in the nationwide opioid crisis.

The lawsuits seek restitution for harm suffered because of deceptive and fraudulent marketing by several pharmaceutical manufacturers and the failure of certain wholesalers to report suspicious purchases. As a result, these manufacturers and wholesalers violated federal and state laws.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by the opioid crisis," said Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton. "It's time to hold the doctors, manufacturers and distributors accountable and change the way

the industry does business. Pain management is an important part of healing but over prescribing has put an enormous burden on families and ruined countless lives."

The City of Rockville retained the law firm Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, which will file the lawsuits in the federal district court in Baltimore. Rockville joins the cities of Frederick and Bowie, the Mayor and Council of Westminster, and Caroline, Frederick, Garrett and Harford counties in the lawsuits.

"This is a public health emergency," Newton said. "As leaders elected to help our cities and towns, it is our responsibility to protect our communities and put an end to these predatory and immoral practices." ❖



Additional Rush-Hour Metrorail Service Coming to Rockville Stations

Board Approves Plan to Eliminate Train Turnbacks, Double Trains to Shady Grove

Metrorail's rush-hour service to Rockville will double under a plan Metro's Board of Directors approved July 12 to eliminate the so-called turnback at the Grosvenor-Strathmore station.

Beginning in December, all Red Line trains will continue to Shady Grove, doubling the number of trains arriving at the Shady Grove, Rockville, Twinbrook and White Flint stations.

A public outreach survey conducted last spring found that 70 percent of Red Line riders supported the service increase. At a public hearing earlier this year, Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, testified in support of eliminating the turnbacks.

Currently during rush hour, half of all Red Line trains start and turn around at Grosvenor-Strathmore, forcing longer wait times on Rockville riders. Red Line trains arrive every eight minutes between Shady Grove and Glenmont. Additional service operates between Grosvenor and Silver Spring, with trains arriving every four minutes between those stations.

For more information about the coming change, visit www.wmata.com and search "Approval for Additional Red Line Service," to find a link to Action Item IX-A from the July 12 board meeting. Or, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "Eliminating Grosvenor Metro Turnback." ❖



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE 11
www.youtube.com/cityofrockville



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

Make Yourself Heard: Mayor and Council to Hold Public Hearings on Alcohol, Trees and Community Needs

The Mayor and Council return from their summer recess with a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 that will feature public hearings on the following:

A proposal to place 214 Frederick Ave., in Lincoln Park, in a historic district. In April, the Planning Commission found that "the house is an important example of vernacular residential architecture, built within an African-American community during the period of segregation."

The Mayor and Council will also hold a hearing on a **request from the owner of 2131 Veirs Mill Road to abandon of an ingress and egress easement** between the Twinbrook property and the adjacent McDonald's, at 2101 Veirs Mill Road. The owner says the easement hinders redevelopment of the property.

Staff is recommending that the Mayor and Council approve a **zoning change that would allow the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages at indoor sport facilities.** The applicants for the change, So-Five, Inc., are planning a commercial indoor sport facility on Westmore Avenue.

Proposed changes to the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance that provide the opportunity to add parkland and trees to an already healthy tree canopy. One proposed change would reduce the minimum tree cover requirement for development projects in the mixed-use employment zone, a small portion of the city, when part of the development is dedicated as parkland. A second proposed change would give the Mayor and Council authority to reduce the minimum tree cover requirement for Champion Projects, in exchange for amenities such as open space and affordable housing units. This applies only in the Twinbrook Metro station area. It would provide for more trees on sites such as retail centers with large surface parking lots that will be replaced with new developments.

Public hearings tentatively scheduled for Monday, Sept. 24 are on community needs to be addressed through the city's Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant

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those who are speaking on an agenda item.

- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27,** Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 6,** Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 8,** Board of Appeals 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 11,** Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 12,** Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 12, 26,** Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 19,** Rockville Sister City Corporation 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 27,** Historic District Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 27,** Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alt.)
- Compensation Commission (5)
- Cultural Arts Commission (2)
- Financial Advisory Board (2)
- Historic District Commission (2 regular/1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (2 at large/1 caregiver)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Rockville Sister City Corporation (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (3)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



A 2017 Peerless Award winner, at 210 Forest Ave. Courtesy of Peerless Rockville.

Peerless Rockville Seeks Nominations for Annual Preservation Awards

Have you completed a renovation, restoration, or other home improvement project? Know someone who has?

Peerless Rockville will celebrate the hard work of homeowners, businesses, and organizations, and showcase improvements they have made to our neighborhoods, at the 39th annual Peerless Awards at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 at Normandie Farm restaurant in Potomac.

Award nominations are due by Friday, Sept. 7 for projects in a variety of categories, including home renovations, gardens and landscaping, new architectural design, educational outreach, public art, care and maintenance of historic properties, and more.

Self-nominations are welcome. Visit www.peerlessrockville.org/2016-peerless-awards/2018-peerless-nominations for more information and a nomination form. Or contact 301-762-0096 or e-mail info@peerlessrockville.org.

Peerless Rockville is an award-winning, community-based nonprofit founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville's heritage.

Public Hearings

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application and changes to plans for the Rockville Metro Plaza III project, at 220 E. Middle Lane, to allow 8,500 square feet of retail space, up to 240 apartment dwelling units (approximately 240,000 square feet), and structured parking.

Anyone wishing to testify should call 240-314-8280 before 4 p.m. on the hearing date to have their names placed on the speakers' list. Learn more when the meeting agendas are posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ❖

Mayor and Council Support Recommendations for Stonestreet Study

The Mayor and Council unanimously supported recommendations for three key opportunity areas from the Stonestreet Corridor Study at their Aug. 1 meeting.

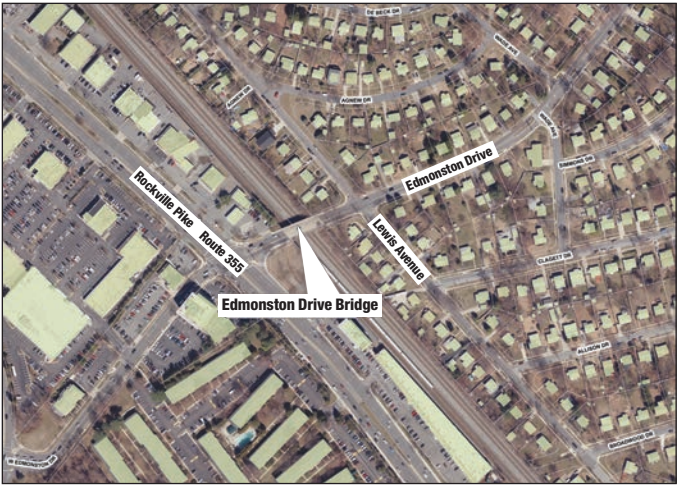
The first recommends initiating a process to change the city's Comprehensive Master Plan to allow a broader variety of development options in the area where Montgomery County Public Schools is currently operating along North Stonestreet Avenue.

The Mayor and Council also supported including, in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget or earlier, a request to design sidewalk and street improvements for North Stonestreet Avenue, and to

the intersection of South Stonestreet Avenue and Park Road, in front of the Rockville Metro station.

The area of the Stonestreet Corridor Study generally covers the east and west sides of north and south Stonestreet avenues, from Westmore Road to the north, to where South Stonestreet Avenue dead-ends to the south.

To see the Mayor and Council's Aug. 1 meeting, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreet study or contact project lead Andrea Gilles at agilles@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8273 for more information. ❖



Edmonston Drive Bridge Construction and Traffic Impacts to Begin

Variable message signs alerting motorists to upcoming traffic impacts were posted during the first week of August on roads leading to the John C. Brown Memorial Bridge, which provides a critical link between the eastern and western portions of the city over the Metrorail and CSX tracks on Edmonston Drive.

The city's contractor was scheduled to begin constructing scaffolding under the bridge by late August. The process, which should last up to three weeks, will temporarily, and infrequently, close one lane of the bridge between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for material delivery. Lane closures will not occur during the morning or evening rush hours so that traffic impacts are minimized. Repairs under the bridge, considered the rehabilitation project's first phase, will begin after the scaffolding is erected. They include abutment and pier concrete repairs, steel beam plating and painting, bearing replacement, and insulating an 8-inch water main. The first phase is expected to be completed

in February.

The project's second and final phase, which is expected to be completed in May, will require one lane of the three-lane bridge to be closed 24/7. At least one sidewalk across the bridge will be open at all times. The second phase includes concrete deck repair on the topside of the bridge.

Bus service for Montgomery County Public Schools and county Ride On have been notified of potential traffic delays.

While the bridge is structurally sound, the repairs are part of the city's ongoing Bridge Rehabilitation Program, which inspects long-span bridges every two years and prioritizes repairs based on structural improvements recommended in inspection reports.

For more information, contact project manager John Hollida, at 240-314-8526 or jhollida@rockvillemd.gov; or senior community engagement coordinator Hjarman Cordero, at 240-314-8344 or hcordero@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Green Your Backyard and Save Green

If landscaping is on your to-do list this fall, the City of Rockville is offering a free information session on ways to reduce runoff and replace weedy areas of your yard, from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

The city's RainScapes Rewards Program offers single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, up to \$4,800 in rebates for landscaping that is designed to green your backyard and reduce pollution.

The program offers rebates for planting trees and conservation landscaping, installing rain barrels, or removing



pavement – actions that can reduce flooding, decrease pollution in local streams, and attract birds and butterflies. The Green Your Backyard information session will also highlight how to create a wildlife habitat in your yard by using native plants, eliminating pesticides and providing animals with food, water, cover and places to raise young.

To register, email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name, phone number and address, or call 240-314-8870. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes. ❖

We Need Your Support!



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities.
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund.
- Assist with fundraising, and the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space.
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the city's parks and facilities.



Please send your tax deductible gift to:
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CITY HALL SELFIE DAY... The city joined towns and cities across the world, Aug. 15, for City Hall Selfie Day. Organized by Engaging Local Government Leaders, City Hall Selfie Day is a way for people and organizations to show their love for local government by snapping a selfie in front of their municipal building. At left, Mayor Bridget Donnell and Rockville City Police Chief Victor Brito pause for a quick photo. At right, Gabriela Atahualpa, of the City Manager's Office, shows off an "I ♥ Rockville" lanyard, one of the day's giveaways.



BE CART SMART ... Throwing out plastic bags, clothes or a garden hose? Please don't use the brown recycling cart – put them in the gray trash cart. Or, to find a nearby grocery store that accepts plastic bags for recycling, visit <http://bit.ly/howtorecyclebags>. Got a city cart that's falling apart? Call 240-314-8568. We'll replace it for you.

Celebrating 45 Years with the City of Rockville

Karen Lumpkin, a recreations programs supervisor with the Rockville Senior Center, recently marked a major milestone — 45 years of service with the City of Rockville.

"It's overwhelming," Lumpkin told Rockville 11. "I've been really blessed with wonderful folks to work with as far as staff and supervisors. The participants, our seniors, are really the best anywhere in the country as far as I'm concerned. My coming here



each day is not really like work, it's like coming to a second home."

Lumpkin's family, including her husband, children and grandkids, joined

her and other well-wishers at a party to celebrate her time with the city.

"She's set a great example," her son, Brian Lumpkin, told Rockville 11. "Forty-five years is an amazing accomplishment. She's proven to us what hard work does and what it can accomplish."

To see Rockville 11's video on the celebration, visit www.YouTube.com/cityofrockville and search "Lumpkin." ❖

City to Test Restricting Right Turns at Hurley Avenue

The City of Rockville is planning to launch a pilot project that will evaluate whether prohibiting right turns from state-owned Route 28 (West Montgomery Avenue) onto Hurley Boulevard during weekday morning peak hours will deter cut-through traffic.

The city is seeking a go-ahead from the State

Highway Administration to install a "Local Traffic Only, 7-9 a.m., Monday - Friday" sign, with a right arrow, on eastbound Route 28, before the intersection with Hurley Avenue. Local traffic using Watts Branch Parkway or Hurley Avenue to reach a destination in the immediate neighborhood (including Fallsmead Elementary School) will be

able to make the right turn.

Traffic and Transportation Division staff will collect traffic counts on Watts Branch Parkway in the fall to assess the impact of the sign on the area's traffic. The city will continue exploring other traffic mitigation measures, if necessary.

Residents of the area petitioned the city for traf-

fic diversion measures due to the high volume of vehicles on Watts Branch Parkway. A city traffic study showed a high number of vehicles traveling during weekday morning peak hours.

Contact Oleg Kotov, senior transportation planner, at 240-314-8527 or okotov@rockvillemd.gov for more information. ❖

REDI Announces Grants for Retail Façade Improvements

Rockville retailers can apply for up to \$5,000 in a matching grant to improve their building's exterior façade, through the Rockville Economic Development, Inc.'s latest business incentive program.

The Retail Façade Improvement Grant Program offers reimbursement of up to 50 percent of project costs, capped at \$5,000 per property, for cosmetic improvements such as lighting, paint, awnings, doors, windows, signs, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant access ramps, landscaping and other exterior projects.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development provides funding for the grants through its Community Legacy Program. To qualify, applicants must be a current owner, landlord or tenant of a retail property located within the City of Rockville's Sustainable Communities areas.

"The Retail Façade Improvement Grant Program provides financial assistance to renovate, update and/or re-brand local retail properties,"

said REDI board chair Paul Newman. "It is an excellent opportunity for older retail locations with tight budgets to invest in the look of their properties, making them more attractive and inviting to customers. REDI is grateful to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for this funding, which showcases the

City of Rockville's commercial strengths."

Applicants must submit the required documentation verifying the property location, current Rockville business license, photos of the existing building conditions, proposed improvements, costs and insurance verifications. REDI will review applications and determine

eligibility. Eligible applications will be forwarded to DHCD for review and funding determination.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through May 30. Applications and details can be found on the web at bit.ly/2mRVXHM.

For more information, email admin@rockvilleredi.org or call 301-315-8096. ❖



Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from, or currently serve in, the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more.

Find video of past Veterans Day ceremonies at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Nominate a Neighbor for an MLK Day Award

Winners to be Honored at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 21.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 12.

Groups or individuals who would like to apply to perform during the ceremony should email Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov by Monday, Oct. 8. Please include a link to online audio or video, or digital audio or video files, of the proposed performance.

For more information about the awards or the celebration, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316. For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Improvements Ongoing at Rockville Senior Center

Interior renovations begin this fall at the Rockville Senior Center, to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

These include renovations to the front foyer and restrooms; installing a wheelchair lift to the Carnation Room stage; and a new breakfast serving counter.

Additionally, the senior center will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 8 for repaving in front of the senior center. The driveway is being milled, paved and restriped, and access to the center's parking lots will be closed off.

Find out more about the Rockville Senior Center at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter.

More Parking Planned for Lincoln Park Community Center

An expansion to the Lincoln Park Community Center's parking lot is slated to begin this fall. The addition will increase the lot's size by about 26 spaces, including four that will be accessible to people with disabilities.

The additional parking will be located on a vacant lot located west of the current parking lot, and improvements will include a board-on-board fence, landscaping and a dumpster enclosure.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc for more information about Lincoln Park Community Center.



HAVE YOU VISITED THE NEW WEBSITE? ... If you've been away for the summer you might've missed the City of Rockville's reboot of its website. The upgraded website — at www.rockvillemd.gov — is easier to navigate, find information and use on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The upgrade follows extensive feedback and testing by users and is a key part of the Mayor and Council's priority initiative to better engage and inform the community, be more transparent, and to reach out more effectively to Rockville's diverse population.



If You're Visiting The Mansion... The Glenview Mansion will have limited access between August and November due to the construction of new ADA compliant parking and access.

Volunteers Wanted to Help at MLK Day Celebration

SSL Credit is Available

Volunteers are needed to help as stage assistants, ushers and greeters, and also to set up onsite before and clean up following Rockville's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, Jan. 21.

Student Service Learning Credits are available to students who volunteer. For more information on the MLK Day celebration, see the article on page 5.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or email her at jkelly@rockville.md.gov.



City Remembrance Ceremony to Mark Sept. 11

Rockville's Mayor and Council will mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 with a remembrance ceremony at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the 9/11 Memorial at Courthouse Square Park.

The ceremony, which is free to attend and open to the public, will include remarks by Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and a presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and the performance of the national anthem by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

Eleven Montgomery County residents who lost their lives on that day are remembered through the memorial in the park at the corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue in Rockville's downtown: William Edward Caswell, Dr. Gerald Paul Fisher, Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred, Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela Marie Houtz, Teddington Hamm Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd Hayes Reuben, Patricia J. Statz and Ernest M. Willcher.

Teens Can Glow Up with Glimmer N' Gloss

Up your make-up game or explore a career in cosmetology with Glimmer N' Gloss, a six-week introductory course taught by a professional hair and make-up artist.

The introduction will explore the fundamental principles of hair styling, braiding, facial and eye makeup, and more.

The course, for teens in grades 6-11, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 12-Oct. 17 at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Road.

Register with course #5751 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. The cost is \$185 for residents and \$200 for nonresidents.

The Fitzgerald Theater in September: Stand Up and Sing, and Stand Up Against Hate

"The 6th Great Gilbert & Sullivan Sing-Out," presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

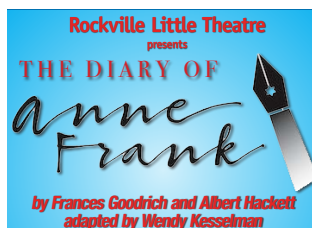
9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2.

Raise your voice and help the VLOC celebrate its 40th anniversary by singing through the complete musical scores of all 13 intact Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

The sing-out honors the immortal operettas created by the partnership of librettist William S. Gilbert, and composer Arthur Sullivan, and VLOC's tradition of bringing these evergreen productions alive for its audience. It also celebrates the great American traditions of community and musical theater by inviting members of civic theater companies from around the country to join together and display their musical talent and experience.

Tickets cost \$28 for adults; \$24 for seniors (65 and older); and \$20 for students.

"Diary of Anne Frank,"



presented by Rockville Little Theatre.

8 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29, and Oct. 5 and 6; 2 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

This new adaptation brings us into the secret annex where 13-year-old Anne and seven other Jews evade Nazi deportation. With this performance, Anne's compelling words come alive and urge us to stand up for one another in the face of intolerance, fear and hate. Written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. Adapted by Wendy Kesselman.

Tickets for adults cost \$22, and \$20 for seniors (62 and older) and students.

The theater is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. Buy tickets at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, 240-314-8690 or in person at the box office. ✦



Running Shoes at the Ready for the Rockville 10K/5K

Lace 'em up and get on your marks — the 43rd annual Rockville 10K/5K is registering runners!

The oldest continuing foot race in Montgomery County — which includes a 1-mile fun run for kids — will take place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 4.

The kids 1-mile fun run begins at 8:10 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Runners should arrive before 8 a.m., at which time streets leading to the race will be closed to ensure a prompt start.

Registration costs \$35 online or by mail-in through Thursday, Nov. 1, and \$45 for walk-up registration at packet pickup and on race day.

Saturday packet pick up and late registration on Nov. 3 is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at RnJ Sports, 11910-R Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Day-of-race packet pick up and late registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, 801 Pleasant Drive, between the Fontina Grille and Baja Fresh restaurants.

The course begins and ends in King Farm, and travels a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.rockville10k5k.com. ✦

Eight-Week Fitness Challenge Returns to Rockville Senior Center Encourages Members to Exercise

The Rockville Senior Center is again challenging its fitness members to take part in an eight-week fitness challenge that will begin Monday, Sept. 24.

About 40 people took part in the first challenge, which started in March, and participants racked up more than 30,000 minutes of activity.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity weekly for older adults. Prizes will be awarded for the three Senior Center members who exercise the greatest number of minutes during the challenge.

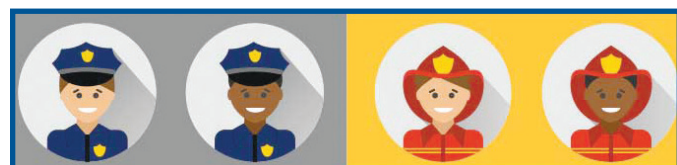
An organizational meet-

ing will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, for all participants to receive the fitness challenge packet and to review the program's guidelines. Registration is required for this free program. Registration closes Sept. 17.

Register with course #7116 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. (Participants must be senior center fitness members or fitness class participants.) For more information, call 240-314-8822 or 240-314-8825.

To see Rockville 11's video on the results of the first eight-week challenge, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville, and search for "senior fitness challenge." ✦

Connect with us on Social Media.



Local First Responders Community Day

Saturday, Sept. 22 • 10 a.m.-noon
Come meet your local first responders.

Police vehicles, fire trucks and exhibits — designed to engage the community on safety. All ages - free event!

Twinbrook Community Rec. Center, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy.

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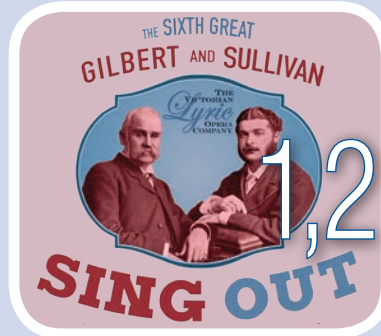
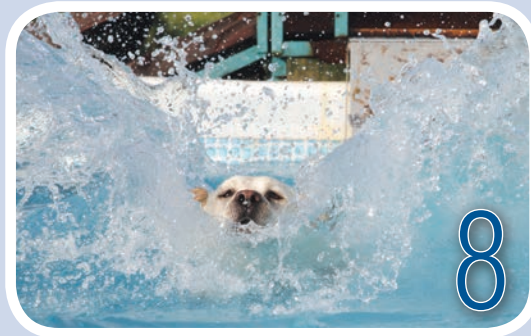
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Upcounty Government Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Rd. | Germantown, MD 20874



Explore the draft plan and learn about the region, major projects and analysis. For more information, visit visualize2045.org or email azenner@mwkog.org.



WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING ... Sept. 15-Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. And head to your local library and get your card, if you haven't already — September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. It's also a month dedicated to national preparedness, prostate cancer and health awareness and yoga. For the foodies, this is your monthlong celebration for chicken, bourbon, honey, papaya, potatoes and whole grains, among others.



1,8,15,22,29 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

1,2 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS 'THE 6TH GREAT GILBERT & SULLIVAN SING-OUT.' See article on page 6. 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Sept. 1; 9:30 a.m. Sept. 2. **FSF**

1 ROCKVILLE SWIM AND FITNESS CENTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. See ad below. Noon-2 p.m. **SFC**

3 LABOR DAY. See article on page 1 for city schedule and recycling and trash collection details.

4 SCHOOL OPENS. First day of school year for Montgomery County Public Schools.

4,18 SUCCESSFULLY COPING WITH CHANGE. A support group to develop skills for seniors to age positively and cope with retirement, new illness or injury, loss, and moving. Free. Register for course #5446. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

5,12 ART ON THE SQUARE. See article on page 8. Free. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

6,20 WOMEN LIVING ALONE. A support group whose members support each other through listening and offering tips, suggestions and advice. Free. Register for course #5733. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

7 ROCKVILLE SCIENCE CENTER PRESENTS TEMPLE GRANDIN. See article on page 8. \$35/\$50. Visit www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/temple-grandin. 7:30 p.m. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda.

8 GREEN YOUR BACKYARD INFORMATION SESSION. See article on page 4. 10-11:30 a.m. **TC**

8 DOGGIE DIP DAY. See article on page 8. Noon-4 p.m. **SFC**

11 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. Free. 9 a.m. 9/11 Memorial at Courthouse Square Park, East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue.

12-Oct. 17 GLIMMER -N- GLOSS. Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Six-week intro to cosmetology explores the fundamental principles of hair styling, braiding, facial features, facial and eye makeup by a professional celebrity hair and makeup artist. See article on page 6.

11,25 BRAIN GAMES TO STAY BRAIN FIT. Play board and online games to cross-train your brain and address areas that are affected by aging. Free. Register for course #5447. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

13,27 AFTER CAREGIVING SEMINAR. People who cared for a loved one with chronic illness share and discover resources and coping skills. Free. Register for course #5445. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

16 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: INSECTS & ARACHNIDS. For ages 6-8. Investigate a science topic through hands-on activities and exploring the outdoors. No adult participation required. Register for course #6062. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

17 ALZHEIMER'S AND RELATED DEMENTIA CARE PARTNERS SUPPORT GROUP. A social gathering for people with memory loss and their care companions. Free. Register for course #5723. Call Pamela at 240-499-9024. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

17 STRESS REDUCTION/MEDITATION BEGINS. Focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being with this class featuring meditation and discussion. Meets Mondays through Nov. 19. Register for course #6197. \$30 R/\$40 NR. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

19 FALL RISK ASSESSMENT. Staff from Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital present stations offering information about falls, individual assessments, exercises to do at home and referrals for outpatient physical therapy. Register for course #5216. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

20 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. See article on page 1. Free. 8-10 a.m. **FSF**

22 NATURE TOTS: HABITATS. For ages 2-5. Discover the wonders of nature with your child as a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Register for course #6065. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

22 LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNITY DAY. See ad on page 6. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **TC**

24 FLU SHOT CLINIC. For Rockville Senior Center members only. No charge with a Medicare (Part B) insurance card. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

25 LITTLE ACORNS: WATER. For ages 18-36 months. Explore nature with little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Register for #6056. \$7 R/\$9 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

25 WINE AND CHEESE OPEN HOUSE. Meet new friends and staff of the Rockville Senior Center. Recommended \$3 donation at event for the Program Assistance Fund. Bus transportation available. Register by Sept. 18. Call 240-314-8810. **SC**

26 CATCH YOUR Z's WITH EASE. The director of the Mid-Atlantic Epilepsy and Sleep Center discusses common sleep disorders, the negative impact they can have on health, how health affects sleep patterns and available treatments. Register for course #5774. Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

28,29,30 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK.' See article on page 6. 8 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29; 2 p.m. Sept. 30. **FSF**

29 ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE. See article on page 1. Free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

30 CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: FALL FOLKLORE. Tall tales and fantastic folklore are an American tradition. Find out how chipmunk got his stripes among other stories. All participants must register including adults. Register for course #5995. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 5:30-6:30 p.m. **CC**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Sign up at: www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.



Join us for a celebration of the
Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's
50TH ANNIVERSARY
1968-2018

Saturday, Sept. 1 • Noon-2 p.m.
Outdoor Pool

Wear your retro swim outfit or Rockville pride attire for throwback prices of \$1.50 per person.
 (No charge for facility members).

Activities Include:
 *Oldies Music
 *Retro Swimwear Contest with Prizes
 *Light Refreshments
 *Swimming

Share your 50 years of swim and fitness center memories.

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Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
 355 Martins Lane • Rockville MD 20850
www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter • 240-314-8750

Rocktoberfest is Oct. 6: Vendors Wanted

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed crafts, for Rockville's second annual Rocktoberfest celebration, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, German food, beverages from local breweries in souvenir mugs, kids' activities and an artisan area.

Entertainment includes traditional German music by the Rockville German Band, Alte Kumpel Band and Alte Kameraden Band; polka by Polkadelphia; the rock and soul of Sweet Leda; and party rock cover tunes by Under the Covers.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Find an application and learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or contact Amanda Knox at aknox@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8620.



Calling All Cars: Antique and Classic Car Show Returns in October

57th Annual Show Offers Free, Family-Friendly Fun
Rockville's 57th annual Antique and Classic Car Show rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The free show – one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region – will feature more than 500 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area and live music. There will be a moon bounce at the rear of the park in the parking lot of Croydon Creek Nature Center, which will be open to visitors.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion at 603 Edmonston Drive, offer a picturesque fall setting for a stroll through a lineup of vehicles from 33 car clubs, from Packard to Plymouth to Ferrari.

The show is the premier non-judged motor vehicle show in the region, offering the chance to share memories of classic cars of yesteryear. The theme of this year's show is brass-era cars.

Find coverage of past car shows at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and follow the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Facebook.

Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Meadow Hall Elementary School, 951 Twinbrook Parkway. A courtesy shuttle will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email special_events@rockvillemd.gov.



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.

Rockville Science Center to Bring Temple Grandin to Strathmore

The Rockville Science Center will present Temple Grandin, the world-renowned animal behavior expert and autism awareness advocate, for a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at The Music Center at Strathmore, in North Bethesda.

Grandin, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, and the subject of an Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning 2010 film by HBO, will share her insights on the humane handling of animals as they interact with humans.

Tickets are \$35 or \$50 and are available at www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/temple-grandin. Proceeds benefit the Rockville Science Center.

Grandin has written extensively about autism, detailing how her ability to see in pictures has allowed her to understand the sensory perceptions of different species and address their needs. She will discuss how she applies sensory-based thinking to consult worldwide for groups as diverse as research



scientists, slaughterhouses, pet trainers and children on the autism spectrum.

Grandin's many media appearances include "60 Minutes," "20/20," "48 Hours," "Larry King Live" and "Primetime Live." She has been featured in "The New York Times," "U.S. News and World Report" and "People." In 2010, "Time" magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

The Rockville Science Center is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to inspiring a passion for lifelong exploration of science in Rockville's diverse community. Through its programs and its quest to bring a permanent interactive science center to Rockville, it works to cultivate a sense of inquiry, discovery, wonder and understanding of the scientific foundations of everyday life. Learn more at rockvillesciencecenter.org.

Create with VisArts at Rockville Town Square

September offers two opportunities to create art at Rockville Town Square. Federal Realty and VisArts are partnering with the City of Rockville to offer free outdoor art labs to inspire the artist in you.

Crab-tastic!, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, will offer the opportunity to paint Maryland blue crab shells to create a beautiful holiday ornament or a work of art that can be mounted and framed. Instructors will have designs on hand to inspire even the most novice artist.

Art meets science for **Pendulum Painting**, on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Participants will create

their own painting using a pendulum.

VisArts will provide instructors, art assistants and all art materials. The workshops, which began in August, are held 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the square, at 131 Gibbs St. Reservations are not required, but supplies are limited and first come, first served.

To learn more, visit rockvilletownsquare.com and select "Events."

Learn more about VisArts at www.visartscenter.org and about Rockville Town Square at rockvilletownsquare.com.



ALL THE PUPPERS IN THE POOL FOR DOGGIE DIP DAY... Pooches can paddle in the pool this month, at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's 2018 Doggie Dip Day! Puppies get to pool party for only \$5 per pooch at one of the city's most-sought-after doggie meet-and-greet events. (Humans, you can enter for free, but won't be allowed in the water due to health and safety reasons.) Proof of a current rabies vaccination (either a certificate of vaccination or veterinarian's letter) is required for entry (for your dog, not you). Dogs without won't be allowed to enter.

This year, donations will be collected for Rockville's Youth Recreation Fund and the Humane Society. Vendors of dog-related products will be at the event, selling merchandise and providing information.

Doggie Dip Day will be held rain or shine, noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. For more information, or to find out how to be a vendor, email swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8750.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 6

8 a.m.-1 p.m. • 7 a.m. setup

Check out the great bargains or sign up for a vendor's table (6ft by 3ft). Vendors must pre-register with payment to secure a space/table. No food or weapons can be sold. Set up time is 7 a.m. Reserve a table using course #7073.

Lincoln Park Community Center
357 Frederick Ave., Rockville



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BACK IN THE DAY ... The Rockville Civic Center was packed, Aug. 31, 1977, for the Rockville Baffle Bowl, according to the Sept. 7 edition of the "City of Rockville Newsletter." While what exactly the Baffle Bowl was left unexplained, the contest pitted Rockville seniors Dorothy Dowdey and Robert Dudley against WMAL Radio's Bill Trumbull and Chris Core. Proceeds were destined to purchase equipment for a seniors' active sports program, "the first of its kind in the nation," the article states.